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1. DUTCH TRANSPORT MINISTRY'S NORTH SEA DIRECTORY AND THE GOVERNMENT'S INSPECTOR GENERAL OF MINES INFORM US THAT NEITHER THE USE NOR THE DISCHARGE OF CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS (INCLUDING FERRICHROMELIGNOSULFONATE) USED IN OFFSHORE DRILLING ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF UNDER DUTCH JURISDICTION IS BANNED AS STATED IN PARA 2 REFTEL. AS A DIRECT OUTCOME OF THE OSLO TREATY, AND AS AN IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLES 48 AND 49, OF THE DUTCH MINING REGULATIONS OF MARCH 1967, THE GOVERNMENT ON JANUARY 1, 1977 PROMULGATED GUIDELINES ON THE LIMITATION OF SEAWATER POLLUTION ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. THESE GUIDELINES DO NOT EXPLICITLY LIMIT OR FORBID THE USE OR DISCHARGE OF PARTICULAR CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS USED IN OFFSHORE DRILLING. HOWEVER, BASED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY OFFSHORE OPERATORS WITH REGARD TO CHEMICALS USED, THE INSPECTORATE OF MINES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NORTH SEA DIRECTORY CAN ADVISE DISCONTINUATION OR REPLACEMENT OF A CHEMICAL IF THE METAL CONCENTRATION PROVES TO BE EXCESSIVELY HIGH. THIS WAS DONE IN THE PAST IN LIMITING THE USE OF CHROMELIGNOSULFONATE, LATER UNCLASSIFIED

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REPLACED BY FERROCHROMELIGNOSULFONATE AND FERRIFERROLIGNOSULFONATE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NO INFORMATION COULD BE PROVIDED ABOUT TESTS CONDUCTED OR TOXIC REACTIONS FOUND, PARTLY BECAUSE IMPLEMENTATION OF GUIDELINES MENTIONED IN PARA 1 IS IN ITS INTRODUCTORY PHASE AND ALSO BECAUSE ANALYSIS OF CHEMICALS FOR

METAL CONCENTRATIONS IS BOTH COSTLY AND TIME CONSUMING.
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